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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**ANDERSON MEN SENTENCED TO
FEDERAL PRISON FOR ARMED ROBBERY OF
METRO BANK IN NOBLESVILLE**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that LEE A. BAXTER JR., 24, Anderson, Indiana, was sentenced to 192 months (16 years) imprisonment on April 10, 2003 and TRAYE REEVES JR, 18, Anderson, Indiana was sentenced to 30 months on April 14, 2003 by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following their guilty pleas to armed bank robbery. BAXTER also entered a plea of guilty to

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using a firearm during a violent crime, which produced a 7 year sentence consecutive to the bank robbery charge. In noting the differences in the bank robbery sentence, Judge Barker noted that REEVES never entered the bank. This case was the result of a very quick investigation by the Noblesville Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On October 3, 2002 at about 9 a.m., LEE BAXTER JR.. entered the Metro Bank on Cherry Street in Noblesville, Indiana wearing a hooded sweat shirt and bandana across his face. He went to a teller window, pointed a firearm at the teller, and demanded money. When the teller hesitated, Mr. Baxter grabbed about \$2,000 from the teller's drawer and fled the bank. Mr. Baxter dove into a vehicle waiting outside the bank that was driven by his co-defendant, Mr. TRAYE REEVES JR.

As the vehicle speed away from the bank, a woman in her vehicle in the parking lot observed BAXTER dive into the back seat of the car and REEVES speed away in the vehicle. Suspecting a bank robbery, she followed the getaway vehicle for a short time and noted the vehicle make and licensed plate number. She returned to the bank and told the police officer who had arrived what she observed. The police radioed the vehicle description to other police officers in the area. About 20 minutes later BAXTER and REEVES were stopped by police as they headed south on Allisonville Road in the getaway car. Police officers found the clothing worn in the robbery, the gun, and the bank money in the trunk of the vehicle. Mr. Baxter confessed to the robbery at the police station. Mr. Baxter was on work release serving a Madison County Court sentence for inducing ~~More~~ armed robbery and residential burglary at the

time of the bank robbery.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Donna R. Eide, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed 5 years supervised release following BAXTER JR.'s release from imprisonment and 5 years supervised release following REEVES release from prison. During the period of supervised release, BAXTER and REEVES must get drug treatment. BAXTER and REEVES were ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$80.00. The remainder of the money was recovered from the getaway vehicle.

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